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Holy Martyrs of Japan CWL marks 60 years of service

MIRIAM KING
 Bradford Times

When the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church was launched in 1956, the founding members were all farm women.

They'd get up in the morning, get the kids ready for school or the fields, work all day themselves on the farm, then come back home to prepare dinner, bathe the kids and tidy up. It didn't seem as if there would be much time for volunteerism.

But the CWL offered the women a social network and an opportunity to connect with and contribute to both their church and their community, which is why the organization has endured and flourished for 60 years.

On Sept. 25, the Holy Martyrs of Japan CWL celebrated its 60th anniversary. Among the guests were three of the 11 or so original members, women who have stayed engaged and involved through the decades.

The anniversary celebration included a luncheon, which was catered to give the ladies of the CWL the opportunity to sit down and enjoy the meal. The CWL regularly prepares luncheons for funerals and special occasions, as well as hosting fundraising bake sales, book sales, raffles, dinners and an annual Christmas bazaar, all to raise money for the church and a long list of charities.

Those charities have



Holy Martyrs of Japan CWL President Tina Gasper, right, presents 60 year plaques to members Mary Molokach, Mae Eek, and Mary Kavchak at the church in Bradford, Ont. on Sunday September 25, 2016.

Included Rose of Sharon services for young mothers, Catholic Family Services, the Helping Hand Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Society and more. CWL volunteers have knitted hats, mitts and scarves for northern missions in Canada, "sold" tags for the Southlake Regional Health Centre and Canadian Cancer Society, entertained seniors at local nursing homes and made heart pillows for cardiac patients at

Southlake. They have hosted public speaking contests for school children and a World Day of Prayer service, and helped wherever help was needed.

CWL national president Margaret Ann Jacobs congratulated the group for its 60 years of dedication, calling the members "women of great faith who were willing to come together" to build a Catholic community. "They are women of vision. It all

starts here, with the grass-roots."

Jacobs gave each guest two puzzle pieces — a small piece to keep as a reminder to be humble and a larger piece to give to someone else as a reminder of the importance of outreach — both representing how each person is a piece of the puzzle that "completes God's masterpiece."

"It takes a good executive and a lot of ladies to have a good CWL," said president

Tina Gasper. She presented plaques to the three original members who were present — charter members Mae Eek and Mary Molokach and 60-year member Mary Kavchak. Another original member, Mary Simurda, was unable to attend.

"We just keep going," said Kavchak, adding she still has the passion, "just not the energy."

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Accessing the food bank



MURIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Road construction on Moore Street is blocking access to the Helping Hand Food Bank, at 123 Moore. During construction, clients are being asked to use the parking lot of the BWG Child and Family Services Building, off Frederick Street, to access the food bank. For more information, call 905-775-2824.

Delivering seniors' accommodation

MURIAM KING
Bradford Times

Bradford West Gwillimbury council has approved more than \$2.5 million in Seniors Accommodation Community Improvement Plan incentives for Bekerman Properties, in support of a six-storey, 132-unit retirement residence on 10 Sideroad, to be built beside St. John's Presbyterian Church.

The incentives include \$2,397,680 through Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Program 1 (development charge grant), \$154,167 through CIP Program 3 (planning fee/building permit grants) and \$21,600 through Program 4 (cash-in-lieu of parkland grant).

The Program 1 grant would be paid for by debt financing, council was told, and repaid over time from taxes levied on the completed project, estimated at \$365,829 per year. Program 3 and 4 grants would come from money sitting

unused in the Downtown Revitalization Community Improvement Plan.

Coun. Peter Ferragine was concerned about taking the money from downtown revitalization at a time when several downtown landowners have expressed interest in moving forward. He worried "when they come to use it, that money is missing because it's been granted to another project that's not within the downtown."

Town chief administrative officer Geoff McKnight explained if council doesn't use the Downtown CIP money, the grants would also be financed and paid back through taxes. "The time frame to settle that debt just gets extended."

Coun. Gary Baynes pointed out there is almost \$800,000 sitting unused in the Downtown CIP program, from previous budget years.

Council approved the incentives. An economic develop-



MURIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Next step for Bekerman Properties will be a sod-turning at the site of a new Retirement home, beside St. John's Presbyterian church at the 8th Line and 10 Sideroad.

ment report noted the \$44-million project will generate more than \$365,800 in taxes, create 80 to 90 new jobs and produce \$17 of private investment for every \$1 of public money.

During the same evening, a public planning meeting introduced a second seniors' accommodation proposal, for a six-storey, 138-unit (112 independent living, 27 assisted care units) retirement residence on 1.7 acres at 532 Holland St. W., between 10 Sideroad and Langford Boulevard.

Proponents KLM Planning and DCMS Realty (Bradford) filed an application for site-plan approval and a zoning bylaw amendment, to rezone the property from future development to institutional-exception, permitting construction of the retirement home with a reduced front yard setback.

Residents in the neighbouring Grand Central subdivision filed a number of objections, concerned about noise, light pollution and loss of privacy from being overlooked by a six-storey residence.

The meeting was told there are plans to control light pollution through architectural design, and for a 1.8-metre privacy fence along the south boundary, with substantial landscaping, but Craig Bonham, with SMV Architects, acknowledged the need to take another look at how the development will deal with both light and privacy issues.

The application was referred to staff for review, and a recommendation to council.

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Point of View

Extradition to China should be non-starter

China's premier, visiting Canada last week as part of an extraordinary warming of relations, defended his country's use of the death penalty. "It is consistent with our national condition," Li Keqiang told reporters. "If we abolish the death penalty, innocent people will lose their lives."

We oppose the death penalty, while acknowledging its supporters could mount an argument of this sort in a country with sturdy rule of law and respect for other human rights. But that's not China. China is the world's single most prolific executioner, although that's only an educated guess because the true numbers are a closely guarded secret. Chinese laws allow for capital punishment for dozens of crimes, including corruption and bribery, in addition to more standard offences such as murder.

Such wide use of the death penalty is but one of many reasons Canada should not consider an extradition treaty with Beijing. Trade, academic exchanges — even, to some degree, security talks — may be an inevitable part of the diplomatic agenda, but an extradition pact is beyond the pale.

The spectre of a future treaty arises in the wake of China's recent release of Canadian Kevin Garratt, reportedly convicted of spying, after being imprisoned since 2014. His freedom came after Trudeau visited China recently, and just before Premier

Li showed up here. It's known that China would like to get back a number of nationals who have fled abroad, including to Canada; its "Operation Fox Hunt" is thought to include harassing so-called economic fugitives and political dissidents and their families outside its borders. The Middle Kingdom would like to bring these troublemakers home.

Canada has extradition treaties with some countries that do have the death penalty, such as the United States. But we do not extradite to them without a guarantee that execution will not be used. Because the U.S. has a functioning, transparent and accountable judicial system, this works.

But China? According to Amnesty International, it tortures prisoners; they are denied medical help; it's accused of harvesting organs from political prisoners; it holds secret trials; it persecutes minorities. And its system isn't transparent.

"We recognize Canada and China have different systems of law and order and different approaches," Trudeau said, with alarming understatement. These are not differences, but large chasms of principle.

Discussing an extradition treaty with a country that flouts Canadian values would debate those principles. If "Canada is back" on the world stage in a meaningful way, it will take this idea no further.

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Bradford Invitational Tourney donates to the community

Realtor Robin Evans launched the Bradford Invitational Golf Tournament in 1978, but then handed the event over to the local Rotary Club. When the club folded, he was persuaded to come back on board, to help keep the tourney going as a fundraiser for a long list of local recipients and charities.

So far this year, the tournament has given out \$20,000, including a donation from new bleachers at Bradford District High School, and scholarships for the children of a police officer, who lost his fight with cancer. On Sept. 19, Evans presented three more cheques, including \$2,000 for St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School's breakfast and snack programs, \$3,000 to the Helping Hand Food Bank, just in time for Thanksgiving, and \$5,000 to the War Amps' CHAMP program for child amputees, bringing the total donated to CHAMP to approximately \$41,000.

Evans, realtor with Sutton Group Future Realty Inc., is hoping there will be one or two additional donations this year, as funds are still standing from the tourney are received.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From left, BWG Deputy Mayor James Leduc helps present a donation to St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School principal James Murphy for the school's Breakfast Program, from the Bradford Invitational Golf Tournament founded by Robin Evans.



Tiffany McCormick, Public Awareness officer for The War Amps' CHAMP program, accepts a donation from Robin Evans, right, and BWG Deputy Mayor James Leduc.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You from CHATS

To the editor: CHATS would like to extend a huge thank you to all who came out and participated in our third annual Charity Golf Tournament Sept. 12 at Silver Lakes Golf and Conference Centre. The event was a huge success, with over 120 golfers, raising over \$19,100. The funds will be dedicated to completing Phase 2 of the CHATS therapeutic garden, located behind the Aurora office, for the use and enjoyment of CHATS clients who might otherwise not be able to enjoy the outdoors, experience flora and fauna on site, and grow vegetables in the raised planters.

Thank you to Silver Lakes Golf and Conference Centre, especially Todd Sloan and Chris Bratten and their team, and all of our generous sponsors and prize donors.

The senior community is the largest growing community in Ontario. Government fund-

ing alone is not enough. With pressures on the health-care system to service the growing number of seniors, CHATS needs to be more resourceful than ever in providing services for the "well" senior who, with modest in-home support, is able to live independently in their own home and community.

Every year, CHATS stays focused on its mission to assist seniors in living healthy, independent lives in the comfort of their own home. Programs such as Meals on Wheels, personal care and transportation assist approximately 7,700 seniors annually. With the help of donations from supporters, we will continue to enhance our existing programs and launch new programs to address the needs of our aging population.

Thank you again to all of the tourney sponsors, volunteers and participants. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

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A trip down memory lane



The era of "Old Blue Eyes" and "Dino" came alive at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre on Sept. 24, as Dan Lauson and James Farrauto paid tribute to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin in a fabulous Las Vegas North concert. Farrauto especially captured every nuance of Martin's performances – from his slightly boozy voice, to the glass in hand, cigarette and offhand jokes – and had the crowd singing along on hits like "Volare" and "That's Amore." Coming up at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., this Saturday at 11 a.m. – a Seniors' Day pancake brunch, free.

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• Tue. Oct. 4 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
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Board/Committee

Heritage Committee

• Mon. Oct. 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
305 Barrie St., Unit 2 – Boardroom

Downtown Revitalization Committee

• Wed. Oct. 5 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Zima Room

Proclamations

- October 1 – **National Seniors Day**
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County, residents support 400-404 Link

GERRY MARSHALL
County of Simcoe Warden

As I travel around the county, some of the most common feedback I receive from residents is the need for the county to be more involved in regional transit.

While we have strategies, budget and a well-rounded transit plan in place to enhance our county roads, support area bus routes, build bike lanes and trails, and support other multi-modal forms of transportation, many of our residents and business owners remain concerned about growing commute times and increasing traffic volumes when travelling to and from the GTA.

The province implemented a number of successful projects to improve travel in our area, including investing in GO Train stations in Barrie, Bradford, and soon Innisfil. However, there continues to be

a growing need for an east-west highway link between the 400 and 404.

Many of our municipalities, including Bradford West Gwillimbury, Innisfil and Essa, are working collaboratively with our partners in York Region to advocate for the development of the 400-404 Connecting Link - a proposed 16.2 km, four lane control access highway that would provide an east-west connection between Highway 400 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, and the 404 in East Gwillimbury.

This isn't a new idea. The 400-404 Connecting Link has been under consideration since the late 1970s. The land continues to be protected for highway development by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and a provincial environmental assessment was approved by cabinet in 2002.

The connecting link would

aid in economic development, reduce congestion, improve commute times for residents, and address regional growth. The proposed link would also serve all travel markets, including commuters, transit, tourists and freight.

Outside of the obvious benefits for passenger and commercial vehicles, the connecting link has the potential to unlock employment lands located adjacent to highways in south Simcoe County, which would have a snowball effect of creating new jobs in our region, reducing travel demand, and improving live/work ratios for those looking to work closer to home.

With a growing number of commuters (37,480 of Simcoe County's residents commute outside the county for work, and 8,645 commute into the county from outside the area), and a population rising from the current

465,000 residents to 796,000 by 2041, the urgency to provide a solution is only growing. Our projections show that the connecting link has the potential to serve up to 3,700 vehicles during peak morning hours by 2041. MTO studies also show that traffic in Simcoe County will back up past the Highway 400-11 Split, by 2023.

As a united group, we're asking the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as well as the MTO to include the 400-404 Connecting Link in the province's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Residents can support our efforts by submitting feedback to the province, at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Form14851.aspx by Oct. 31.

For more information on how our municipalities are working together to make the 400-404 Connecting Link a reality, visit www.simcoe.ca/connectinglink

Get ready for Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

In the spring, the BWG Active Transportation Committee organized the first "Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday" at W.H. Day Elementary School and St. Angela Merici Catholic School in Bradford — a day when students and their parents were encouraged to walk or cycle to school and leave the car at home.

It was an effort to both reduce traffic congestion in front of local schools and encourage healthy activity. The second Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday will take place Oct. 5. This time, participating schools will include St. Angela Merici, St. Marie of the Incarnation, Chris Hadfield Public School and, hopefully, W.H. Day.

Coun. Gary Baynes, chair

of the Active Transportation Committee, noted the aim is to add two new schools to each Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday until all eight urban schools are involved. "We're getting there," Baynes said.

Coun. Gary Lamb called it a "wonderful initiative," but noted parents driving their kids to school still created traffic chaos during the

first week back at school, by ignoring attempts to block off areas of school parking lots to channel incoming vehicles. Lamb, who drives a school bus, saw the problems first-hand.

"We're close to giving up trying to train the parents. We'll train the kids," said Baynes, encouraging the habit of walking or cycling to school.

New salt dome to be in place 'before the snow flies'

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has awarded the contract for a new sand and salt dome, to store a mixture of sand/salt for winter road maintenance, to Onit Construction Inc., in the

amount of \$258,144 plus taxes.

Onit Construction was the sole bidder; the bid was under budget, by \$130,469.

The new sand and salt dome replaces the salt shed at 75 Melbourne Drive, that was decommissioned at the end of

the 2015-2016 winter season after the Ministry of Labour declared the shed a possible hazard. Council accepted the single bid not only because it was under budget, but because of the tight timeline for construction of a

replacement structure. "We're hoping to get it up before the snow flies," said managers of transportation Joe Coleman.

The structure will be built at the works yard at 75 Melbourne Drive, in an area surrounded by BWG Fire & Emergency Services HQ, South Simcoe Police South Division, the Miller Park Seniors' residence, and residential housing.

Coleman acknowledges there may be some visual impact from the dome, which is 34' (just over 10 metres) tall. "The structure is big, but meets the needs required," he said, pointing out that the works yard is seen cleaned up "significantly" in recent years, and the dome can be moved, if the town decides on a joint operations centre.

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Pancake brunch for Seniors Day

CHATS (Community and Home Assistance to Seniors) and the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre invite all seniors to enjoy a pancake brunch in celebration of National Seniors Day on Oct. 1.

The Danube Centre, at 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, will be the setting for the

free brunch, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., served by local firefighters, followed by entertainment, games and activities from 1 to 3 p.m. All seniors are invited. For more information, contact Jan Evans at 905-775-0612 or Linda Ind at 905-713-6596, ext. 6211.

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Soup's on



The Holland Marsh Soupfest returns on Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until the soup runs out), at Ansnervekt Park in King Township. Visitors can sample soups made by scores of restaurant chefs, farmers, schools and individual cooks, and enjoy an outdoor farmers' market and vendors booths. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door for adults; \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door for students and seniors, entitling the holders to sample seven soups. Children pay \$5 for five samples. For more information, see hollandmarshsoupfest.ca. Tickets can be purchased online until noon on Sept. 30.

Lost in Space at the library

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

There were planets, spaceships and aliens galore at the BWG Public Library and Cultural Centre on Saturday, when "Lost in Space" was the theme of the free family Saturday. The once-a-month themed Saturdays, which offer free activities, stories and crafts geared for kids ages three and up, have been increasingly popular with local families. October's event will have — what else! — a Halloween theme.

Overdue books? Hefty fines? The library is holding another **Food for Fines** amnesty this week until Oct. 1. For every donation of non-perishable food dropped off at Borrower Services for the Food Bank, Receive \$1 off your fines owing. No expired, open, home-made bulk, fresh or "junk" food.

Clay pumpkin workshop. Cathy Gifford, of Burnt Offerings Studio, will show kids six and up how to make their own clay pumpkins, to take home. Oct. 12 and 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per child for the two-day workshop; register in advance at the library.

The Friends of the BWG Public Library are gearing up for their



MURRAY KIMO/BRADFORD TIMES

Little Yoda at the Bradford Public Library's **Lost in Space** free family Saturday on Sept. 24.

annual Fall Book Sale. a fundraiser for the library and its programs. The sale features paperbacks, hardbacks, fiction and non-fiction, art books, young adult, children's books, CDs and DVDs at reasonable prices. Oct. 21 will once again be Preview Night, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Pay a special admission of \$10 per family, for first pick of the donated books. The Fall Book Sale continues on Oct. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Oct. 23 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free on Saturday and Sunday.

Fall Bi-Weekly Yard Waste Collection

Place your materials at curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. To determine your yard waste collection week visit simcoe.ca/wastereminder or consult the waste management calendar. Collection may not coincide with your garbage day.

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News Briefs

Festival at Fort Willow

Historical re-enactors will bring history to life at Fort Willow during the annual Festival at Fort Willow on Oct. 1. British soldier re-enactors circa 1812, camp followers and First Nations will provide displays and an opportunity for visitors to get a taste of life in early 19th-century Simcoe County. March in the King's Army, learn about blacksmithing, carpentry and candle making and hear the roar of the cannon. Includes a sale of crafts. The festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fort Willow Conservation Area in Springwater Township, presented by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Township of Springwater, Rotary Club of Barrie, and Friends of Historic Fort Willow. Admission is free. There is no parking at the site. Free parking and a shuttle bus to and from the site are available at the Grenfell Community Hall, at 1989 Sunnside Rd. See nvca.on.ca.

Culture Days open house

Elman Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. S. in Newmarket, holds a Culture Days

open house on Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. New exhibits include The Great War in Pictures and Objects, and Professions of the Past. Free admission.

Archaeology in York Region

The Richmond Hill Central Library, in conjunction with the Mary-Lou Griffin Local History Collection, presents a series on archaeology in York Region, Saturdays in Meeting Room A, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The next meeting takes place Oct. 22 — The Over Site, an early 18th Century Iroquoian Village on the Don River drainage system. The village consisted of seven longhouses, spread over 2.25 acres near the intersection of Highway 407 and Yonge Street. Dana Poulton, consulting archaeologist of the site in 1993, will describe the setting, and the thousands of artifacts discovered during the dig. Admission is \$5. Pre-register at the library's full service desk or call 905-884-9288, ext. 233.

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Pairings:

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Safety for seniors starts at home

Bradford – The South Simcoe Police and CHATS (Community and Home Assistance to Seniors) are teaming up to educate the public on ways to maintain safety in the home, helping to create safer neighbourhoods in the community, especially for vulnerable persons and seniors.

Using "crime prevention through environmental design," South Simcoe Police will provide information on prevention strategies to make the outside of the home safer – strategies that can include cutting back shrubbery that screens the home from public view, installing motion detectors and lights and ensuring the home is secure.

CHATS, through its Home Adaptation and Maintenance Program, will provide an in-home assessment, looking for tripping hazards, bathroom upgrades including grab bars, smoke detector and CO detector battery checks and lawn maintenance, identifying ways to ensure seniors can remain safely within their own homes.

To register for the Safety Starts at Home program and to set up an appointment for a free in-home safety check, call CHATS at 866-677-9048, ext. 6227. Appointments will be available during the day until Oct. 14.

Soup contest in Gifford

Gifford United Church hosts its fifth annual Soup Contest on Oct. 23 from 12 to 3 p.m. in the church hall – a fundraiser for Sleeping Children Around the World. Visitors pay \$5 to sample 12 soups competing for the Golden Ladle, with all of the money going to purchase bed kits, school supplies and clothing for children living in poverty. For more information about the contest, contact Heather at heatherwestcott@rogers.com or 705-456-6869; for information about Sleeping Children Around the World, see scaw.org.

Roast beef dinner

Stroud Presbyterian Church, on Victoria St. East in Stroud, Innisfil, hosts a roast beef dinner on Friday, Sept. 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17 per person, for roast beef with all the trimmings, dessert, tea or coffee. For information or tickets contact 705-436-3107.

Rock 'n' Roll dance party

The Bradford Legion presents entertainment by the five-piece band, Vinyl Frontier, playing rock 'n' roll dance hits on Oct. 22. Admission is \$20 per person (\$15 for members), which includes a late-night snack. It will take place at the Bradford legion, 115 Back St. Call 905-775-0612 for details.

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Blessing the animals



Bradford's Trinity Anglican Church celebrates the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Pets. On Sept. 25, pet owners brought five dogs, one cat and several photos of beloved pets to be blessed by interim priest Father Robert Sweet. Sweet led the hymns, on his guitar, and blessed "all God's creatures, great and small" including the pet owners.



MURIAN KIMURA/BRADFORD TIMES

Catered luncheon to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of Holy Martyrs of Japan Church.

Holy Martyrs of Japan CWL marks 60 years of service

Continued From Page 1

There were congratulations and plaques from northern region president Carla Beckett and Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer.

"I really feel very strongly how impor-

tant volunteers are in this town," Keffer said, thanking the original members for their 60 years of service. "They did a wonderful job, and still do a wonderful job."

The celebration ended with a prayer from Father Boniface Perri, and a blessing.

News Briefs

Free Thanksgiving dinner at Wimpy's

Wimpy's Diner in Bradford has established a new Thanksgiving tradition. Last year, as a way to give back to the community, the restaurant opened its doors on Thanksgiving Day and served up a free turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings, including a slice of pumpkin pie for dessert, to anyone in need or alone in the community.

The event was such a success, Wimpy's is doing it again. On Oct. 10 from 4 to 8 p.m., Wimpy's staff will be serving turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and pumpkin pie to anyone who drops in. The second annual Thanksgiving dinner is free — a way of sharing the Thanksgiving season with those in need, and giving thanks.

Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner

The third annual Free

Thanksgiving Community Dinner, hosted by Greater Life Community Church, takes place upstairs at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., on Oct. 7. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.,

and a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. To volunteer at the dinner, make a donation, or for more information, contact Eaton Grant at 647-718-7849.

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Award recognizes local music teacher

NADIA BROPHY

Special to the Bradford Times

On July 23, Zuzana Gabor, local member of the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers Association and owner of Piano Music Studio, attended the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association convention in Chatham, where she received a special teacher award.

Gabor was recognized for her 25 years of dedicated work as a music teacher and her success in creating a studio in Bradford, where individuals can study piano and graduate with credits from the Royal

Conservatory of Music.

As she continues into her 26th year of teaching, Gabor thanks her existing and former students for their dedication to learning the art of classical piano, and the parents for their continual support of the program and encouragement of the students.

Gabor's husband and two sons have provided amazing support for her career and her dedication to teaching, she said. She is grateful for the award and looks forward to many more years of teaching.

For more information on her studio, see theplanomusicstudio.com.

Pacheco Paralegal Services opens in Bradford

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

"When I was a little girl, everyone told me I would be a lawyer," says Krysta Pacheco - but then life happened. Family, young children made law school seem remote. "Paralegal was an alternative."

Pacheco graduated as a paralegal in 2007, and more recently, from Sheridan College's Paralegal program. She has worked largely in human resources and legal departments - but on Aug. 1, decided to "take a leap of faith," and open her own Paralegal Services offices.

"Paralegals have a scope of practice that's a lot more restrictive than a lawyer's," Pacheco

explains, although "we're still dealing with the same spheres of law."

She specializes in small claims court (claims of \$25,000 or less), landlord-tenant disputes, and Employment law, involving settlements that meet the \$25,000 cap. There are other areas of practice, but Pacheco decided to focus on just those three, where she has a high level of familiarity and expertise. "I would rather be great at a few things,"

On Sept. 17, the office of Pacheco Paralegal Services officially opened, at 22 Barrie St. in Bradford. Among those attending the ribbon-cutting were MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan, MPP Julia Munro, Bradford West



PHIL NIVOSAD/SPECIAL TO THE BRADFORD TIMES

From left, MP Peter Van Loan, BWG Councillors Peter Dykx Jr. and Jeff Sandhu, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, Mayor Rob Keffeler congratulate Krysta Pacheco, as Councillors Gary Baynes, Peter Ferragine, MPP Julia Munro, members of the Bradford Board of Trade look on.

and members of Council.

Pacheco says her goal is to provide "professional legal advice at an affordable price..."

promoting access to justice for the residents of Bradford West Gwillimbury." For an appointment, call 905-551-1037.

Celebrating Small Business Week

Small Business Week is coming up, Oct. 16 to 22.

The County of Simcoe's economic development office, the municipalities of Adjala-Toronto, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Essa Township, Innisfil and New Tecumseth, and the Small Business Centre of Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia will be partnering with Nottawasaga

Futures to host a Small Business Week event at the Gibson Centre in Alliston.

On Oct. 19 from 9-30 a.m. to 3 p.m., topics will include the following:

- Franchisee perspective on growing brand, people and equity in a small business;
- Unleashing new opportunities and wealth by embracing innovation best

practices;

- Inspiration and tips, to move from surviving to thriving.

The event is free, but those interested are asked to pre-register, as seating is limited. Contact Robin Brown, at robin@nottawasaga.com, 705-435-1549 or 800-509-7554, to register. The Gibson Centre is located at 63 Tupper St. W.

Pet Valu celebrates

Bradford's Pet Valu store celebrates its 20th anniversary Oct. 1. Drop by the store at 442 Holland St. W. in the West Park Plaza, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for refreshments, live music, raffles, free engraved pet tags, birthday cake and a ceremony with Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffeler and council at 11 a.m. All are welcome as owners Liz and Bob Pegg celebrate their 20 years of business, volunteering and community service in BWG.

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2002 girls move up to CGSL



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The Bradford Eagles 2002 girls competitive team defeated Lake Simcoe to move up to the Canadian Girls Soccer League for the 2017 season on Sept. 10. The girls finished first in their regular-season conference this year. As a result, they played the third-place team in another conference (Lake Simcoe) for promotion to the CGSL. The playoff game, held at the Innesfri Recreation Complex, ended in a shootout, with Bradford victorious. Coaches George Trikkas, Joe DeGullo and Dave Caldwell and manager Amanda McFadden thank the girls - Martina Vella, Isabella Shettler, Miah Collins, Alexa Caldwell, Tory McFadden, Sophia Nogalo, Chloe Cloutier, Daniela Medoro, Stephanie Cergua, Veronica Price, Dani Jacko, Brea Rourke, Taylor Salmond, Claudia Keovixay and Joanna Grigoriou - for a stellar season.

Splash pads closing

It's been a long, hot summer, with the warm weather extending into September and the Bradford West Gwillimbury splash pads have been kept open long past Labour Day, providing a place for kids and families to stay cool.

But all good things come to an end. Sept. 22 was the final official day of fall, and on Sept. 30, the splash pads, located at the Bradford Lions Park, Dreamfields Park and Alan Kuzmich Memorial Park, will be closed for the season and the underground

piping will be drained and winterized.

The splash pads will reopen in June 2017. For more information, contact Mike O'Hare, manager of parks and property, at 905-775-5359, ext. 520/L or mohare@townofwb.com.

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SAT., OCT. 1

HOLLAND MARSH SOUTPST: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or until the soup runs out, at Ansonwood Park in the Holland Marsh, King Twp. (on Dufferin). Sample 7 soups for only \$15 at the door for adults, \$10 for Seniors and Students. Children \$5 for 5 samples. Includes vendors, farmers' market and more, to celebrate local food.

NATIONAL SENIORS DAY: Hosted by CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) and the Danube Seniors. Children \$5 for 5 samples. Includes vendors, farmers' market and more, to celebrate local food.

FESTIVAL AT FORT WILLOW: Re-enactors at Fort Willow Conservation Area in Springwater, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will include War of 1812 soldiers, Camp followers, blacksmith, carpenter, first Nations, and more. Admission is free. Please park at the Grenfell Community Hall, 1989 Sunnide Rd., and take the free shuttlebus to the festival.

GROWING GARLIC: The Innisfil Seed Library holds a Garlic Growing Workshop at 1177 Mary Lou St. in Alcona, Innisfil at 2 p.m. - how to select and prepare a garden bed, divide your garlic bulbs, space and plant your cloves. Pre-registration required, in person or by phone, at the Lakeshore Branch of the Innisfil Ideal AB & Library.

GLOBAL BROADCASTING CHALLENGE: At the Lakeshore Branch of the Innisfil Ideal AB & Library, 967 Innisfil Beach Road, and at the BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W. Nursing families are invited to come by and try to set a record for the most children breastfeeding simultaneously. Register at 10 a.m., Latch Off at 11 a.m. Innisfil has a drop-in storytime at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 1-7 is National Breastfeeding Week.

ONTARIO GENERAL GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, SIMCOE CO. BRANCH: Meeting at the Parkview Branch of the Barrie Public Library, 48 Dean Ave. at 2 p.m. Presenter Tammy Tipler-Prilo talks about "Writing Your History." See simcoeblogs.com or call 1-855-697-6667 ex. 328 for details. Book table at 1:30 p.m.

FALL LATTIN PARTY: Fiesta Latina at the Army Navy Air Force Club, 7 George St. in Barrie, hosted by the Innisfil Latin Organization and I Love Salsa Barre, DJ, Latin Music, Food, Refreshments. Doors Open at 8 p.m. 19+ plus event. **GALA MURDER MYSTERY DINNER & SILENT AUCTION:** Hosted by Barrie Community, 66 Barrie St. in Barrie. Doors open at 5:30. Includes gourmet dinner, Silent

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Auction, and the mystery, "The Cafe Murder." Tickets in advance only.

SUN., OCT. 2

BACK ALLEY CRUISERS' PRE-SHOW SHOW: At the Georgian Bay Steam Show Grounds, 4635 Victoria St. West in Cookstown, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation to the Helping Hand Food Bank (cash or non-perishable food). Antique, Classic, Show cars, trucks, street rods, cruisers all welcome. Includes a BBQ, Valve Cover and Hot Wheels races, games, prizes and trophies. All welcome.

CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE: At Barrie's Heritage Park, the annual CIBC Run for the Cure raises funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, with a 1K and 5K Run or Walk. Registration begins at 9:20 a.m., Run at 10 a.m.

MON., OCT. 3

GILFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Churchill

Community Centre in Innisfil, 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Wolfgang Bornham, of Peace and Love Landscaping in Burlington, will provide tips on Creating an Interesting and Intriguing Garden. All welcome. Members' flower show will feature Chrysanthemums.

MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martys of Jan Church Basement, 367 Essa St. in Bradford. For more information, visit www.al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON

FRIENDS IN EUCHRE: Friends in Bradford (Euchre) is a new club for people interested in playing Euchre, in Bradford and surrounding areas. No membership fees/costs. The Club plays every 3rd Friday. Contact: fridib@rogers.com for info.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS YORK-SIMCOE TOASTMASTERS: Meets every 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of the month, 7:9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave., upstairs in the Multi-purpose room. All welcome. www.speakforsuccess.org

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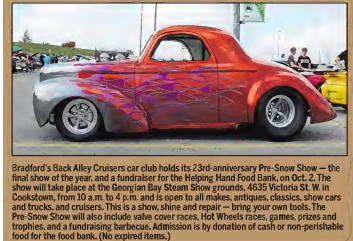
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News Brief

CIBC Run for the Cure

The CIBC Run for the Cure, for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, takes place at Barrie's Heritage Park on Oct. 2. The Barrie-Orillia run is open to everyone who wishes to run or walk the one- or five-kilometre route around the shores of Kempenfelt Bay in memory of a loved one, or to honour a survivor or someone on a cancer journey. Register at cibcunfortheure.com, or for more information, contact klanglie@cbcfd.org or 705-734-2273. Registration on run day begins at 8 a.m., opening ceremonies start at 9:20 a.m. and the run/walk starts at 10 a.m.

Pre-snow car show



Bradford's Back Alley Cruisers car club holds its 23rd-anniversary Pre-snow Show — the final show of the year, and a fundraiser for the Helping Hand Food Bank, on Oct. 2. The show will take place at the Georgian Bay Steam Show grounds, 4635 Victoria St. W. in Cookstown, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to all makes, antiques, classics, show cars and trucks, and cruisers. This is a show, shine and repair — bring your own tools. The Pre-Snow Show will also include valve cover races, Hot Wheels races, games, prizes and trophies, and a fundraising barbecue. Admission is by donation of cash or non-perishable food for the food bank. (No expired items.)

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OSL coach Tony Miranda, left, presents the award for top scorer to Alex Doma at the Bradford District Soccer Club Gala on Sept. 24.



The HDSL Most Valuable Player Award was presented by HDSL coach Carlos Pereira, right, to Ben Church at the Bradford District Soccer Club Gala on Sept. 24.



HDSL coach Carlos Pereira, right, presents the award for top scorer to Jason Dourado at the gala held at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford on Sept. 24.



OSL coach Tony Miranda, right, presents the OSL Beta Wolf Award to Matt Vigglio at the Bradford District Soccer Club Gala at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford on Sept. 24.

BWG Minor Hockey action

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Sept. 11, Bradford Bulldogs - 2, East Gwillimbury Eagles - 2. Bradford goals by Anthony Giletti, from Jack Scriver and Evan Drummond; and Scriver from Darcy Mott.

Sept. 16, Humberview Huskies - 3, Bradford Bulldogs - 2. Both goals by Player of the Game Jack Scriver, with assists to Adam Albini, Peter Boyd, Anthony Giletti and Josh Lamanna.

Sept. 17, Burlington Eagles - 2, Bradford Bulldogs - 0. Lone goal by Anthony Giletti from Jack Scriver.

Sept. 17, Bradford Bulldogs - 6, Amesbury Attack - 3. Markers by Anthony Giletti from Isiah Drummond; Peter Boyd from Matthew Boughner; Jack Scriver from Boughner; Tanner Hueglin from Boyd; Anders Paré from Darcy Mott; Nathan Paré from Christian Campion. Spectacular goalending by Matthew Amara and Ryan Somerville. Player of the Game - Peter Boyd.

Dining and dancing with the Wolves

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

The Bradford District Soccer Club, an adult men's league, celebrated a successful second season on Sept. 24 with a dinner, dance and awards night at the Portuguese Cultural Centre.

The club's HDSL over-35 Black team won the league division championship, as did the HDSL

D1 team, in their division, and the OSL Wolves regional team won the prestigious Frank Docherty Cup.

It was a night of celebration, with food and entertainment provided by The Latin Group Inc. Approximately 350 people turned out for the end-of-season banquet.

Among the awards presented by league president Helder Botas,

vice-president Michael Gutta and coaches were the club's Beta Wolf Awards, for leadership and commitment both on and off the field, presented to Duncan McIlwain in the HDSL league and Matt Vigglio in the OSL.

Jason Dourado was the top scorer of all the 16 teams in the HDSL D1. OSL most valuable player hon-

ours went to Alex Doma.

HDSL MVP was Ben Church.

The Wolves are sponsored by St. Louis Bar and Grill, Maple-Crete, and Vaughan Paving. For more information, see district soccer.ca or Bradford-District-Soccer-Club on Facebook.

Indoor competitive soccer will start in a few weeks.

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of Bradford and formerly of Concord in his
92nd year. Beloved husband of Margaret
for 63 years. Loving father of Linda (Tom)
Mouton and Karen Wright. Proud Pa of Eric
and Kyle Mouton; and Nicole Wright.
Friends called at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL
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Reynolds and big brother to Marie West
and the late Jim Reynolds. Lloyd was the
loving father of Tim & Kathy, Laurie & Brian,
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Time to Indulge Your Senses

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Billed as the "ultimate girls' night out," the 11th annual Indulge Your Senses evening offered guests at The Club at Bond Head pampering spa services, a wine tasting, live and silent auctions and a three-course gourmet "dinner in the dark."

Guests were challenged to don the blindfolds provided and savour dinner without the sense of sight — appropriate, because the evening was a fundraiser for DeafBlind Ontario Services.

DeafBlind Ontario Services is a not-for-profit organization that, for more than 25 years, has been enriching the lives of those with both visual and hearing loss, providing services that increase independence and improve the quality of life for the deaf-blind, including residential services and trained intervenors who act as their clients' eyes and ears through the sense of touch.

Diane Gabay's son has been receiving services since 1994. Now 38, he lives in a residence in Ayr operated by DeafBlind Ontario Services, with three other young deaf-blind persons.

"They have intervenors 24/7. It's essential that they have those trained people to communicate with each other," Gabay said. "It meant the world to know he was looked after properly. We, as parents, don't have the expertise, but they do."

The town of Ayr, south of Kitchener, has been welcoming to the deaf-blind residents. "It's a wonderful community. A church has come knocking at the door to ask if



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Suzanne Gaudet, of DeafBlind Ontario Services, and Frank Ferragine, emcee, at the Indulge Your Senses gala evening at The Club at Bond Head.

they want to sing," she said.

Gabay was one of the guests at the sold-out Indulge Your Senses, which this year was M.C'd by Frankie "Flowers" Ferragine, of CityLine and Breakfast Television.

The women enjoyed the dinner created by executive chef Steve Wilson, sampled wines from the award-winning Milan Wineries, bid on donated items in the silent and live auctions — including a night at the fire hall and BNI International's "It's Wine O'Clock" donation of 30 bottles of wine — bought raffle tickets and were escorted to their choice of spa services by firefighters with BWG Fire and Emergency Services.

It was an evening that invited its guests to imagine what it's like to be deaf-blind — "If 95% of what we learn comes from our eyes and our ears" — and to raise funds to make a difference.

For more information, see deafblindontario.com.



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Diane Gabay, mother of a client of DeafBlind Ontario Services, dons a blindfold to experience dinner without sight.

A happy 50th anniversary



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From right, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council, Gary Lamb and Mayor Rob Keffer congratulate Karon and Ron Mills on their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 24.

DeafBlind Ontario Services welcomes social inclusion

Innisfil — Inclusion in the community is a natural goal for everyone, including people who are both deaf and blind.

Social inclusion, through volunteer or paid employment, opens new doors of opportunity for individuals with disabilities and positively impacts the participating business, too.

Deaf-blindness is a complex disability that combines varying degrees of both hearing and vision loss, making it unique to each individual. DeafBlind Ontario Services' professionally trained intervenors act as the eyes and ears of individuals who are deaf-blind, building a bridge between the deaf-blind person and the world around them.

Individuals with deaf-blindness who participate in volunteer placements require little to no supervision, as they are 100% supported by intervenors of DeafBlind Ontario Services. The partnering business benefits from reduced recruitment efforts and costs, and gains a loyal and dependable volunteer.

Anthony Abate, owner of Pasta Plus in Innisfil, has been a community partner since 2014. Each week, Peter — one of DeafBlind Ontario Services' clients — helps out at the restaurant.



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Peter and an intervenor at his job at Pasta Plus in Innisfil July 8, 2015.

"We love having Peter here. When he walks in the door, my whole inside flutters a bit, knowing that we can help the community help itself. Peter's smile is priceless to us. We can't get that with anybody else," said Abate.

Jeffrey, another client of DeafBlind Ontario Services, volunteers at Rod's Esso on Innisfil Beach Road. "It is always great having Jeffrey here, increasing his community involvement and challenging him. We love having him work with us," said employees Dave and Kelsey.

Inclusive hiring practices demonstrate to staff and to members of the community the business's dedication to social inclusion. "Not only is hiring people with disabilities the right thing to do,

it can have a dramatic effect on a business's bottom line," said Mark Wafer, disability rights advocate and Tim Hortons franchise owner.

Founded in 1989, DeafBlind Ontario Services is a not-for-profit organization that helps individuals who are deaf-blind increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services. With residential locations and community services across the province, its work extends to communities across Ontario, including Simcoe County.

Make a difference in the life of an individual who is deaf-blind. Visit deafblindontario.com or call 855-340-3267, ext. 262, to learn more about becoming a community partner.

Thanksgiving at the farmers' market



It's been a great year for the Bradford Farmers' Market and a great summer for outdoor activities, despite heat, humidity and drought, so there's a lot to be thankful for. The Bradford Farmers' Market, which takes place in the parking lot beside the BNG Public Library and Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., will wrap up on Oct. 8 with a Thanksgiving and Harvest Festival. Come out to say goodbye to the vendors — but not farwell. Four indoor markets are planned inside the library, after the outdoor market closes.



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